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21 August 1956

# INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 21 August 1956

Acting Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow\*, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Colonel H. J. Lemley\*, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Colonel Robert A. Breitweiser, acting for Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative  
to the IAC

\* Part of meeting.

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1. Approval of Minutes  
14 August 1956 Meeting  
(IAC-M-252)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report No. 315

Noted.

3. Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives  
(IAC-D-50/10, 15 August 1956)

Approved as amended.

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b. Noted the findings and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate.

Adjournment: 1215

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Secretary

\* Concurrences of IAC agencies in revisions made pursuant to an IAC representatives meeting on 21 August were received. Accordingly, this estimate is being released for publication.

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SECRETARY's NOTES

1. The following statement on the Suez problem, dated 10 August, prepared by the Chairman, IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation, has been forwarded to the Secretary, IAC:

a. "In line with the request of the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC-M-250, paragraph 2b, 2 August 1956), the chairman of the IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation discussed the Suez situation with the several working members of the Group."

b. "It was agreed that at this time the Suez situation was characterized primarily by developments of a diplomatic and policy nature and that accordingly a special IAC intelligence reporting effort would probably not be warranted. The chairman suggested to the members of the group that he would be ready to call a meeting whenever any of the members felt changes in the picture might require a review of the IAC request."

2. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 72-56, "Conditions and Trends in Tropical Africa," 14 August 1956 (IAC-M-252, 14 August, Secretary's Note 3).

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.  
Mr. Sherman Kent  
Mr. Otto Guthe

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Department of State

Mr. William McAfee  
Mr. Edward Cooper

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt  
Lieutenant Colonel Eugene T. Seaburn

Department of the Navy

Rear Admiral Charles B. Martell  
Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Colonel C. J. Stattler, Jr.  
Colonel P. D. Wynne  
Mr. Donald Benjamin  
Mr. Clifford H. Pruefer

The Joint Staff

Colonel E. G. Van Orman, USMC  
Colonel Charles H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA  
Colonel Ralph W. Wade, USAF

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz